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SUBJECT: GOP REACTION TO NAC SUMMIT

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1. ON AUGUST 26, EMBOFFS DRAWING ON HELPFUL GUIDANCE PROVIDED REFTTEL A, DISCUSSED GOP REACTION TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WITH DFA'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO), AMBASSADOR VERCELES. HE WAS ALSO PROVIDED COPY OF SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 25 ON NAC RESOLUTION ON KOREA AND PUERTO RICO. GOP DELEGATION TO NAC HAD NOT YET SUBMITTED IT REPORT; CONSEQUENTLY, VERCELES KNEW VERY LITTLE ABOUT WHAT HAD PROMPTED COLOMBO SUMMIT TO ESPOUSE NORTH KOREAN POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION. EMBOFFS THEN DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL (SEPTTEL).

2. PHILIPPINE PARTICIPATION IN NAC: GOP DELEGATION ELECTED NOT TO SPEAK AT SESSION. GOP OBSERVER STATUS OPPOSED PRIMARILY BY LIBYA AND GUYANA. LIBYAN ENMITY TO GOP UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT GOP PUZZLED BY GUYANA'S OPPOSITION.  
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INDIA HAD NOT SPOKEN PUBLICLY AGAINST PHILIPPINES

BUT GOP CERTAIN INDIANS HAD BEEN LOBBYING ASSIDUOUSLY AGAINST GOP OBSERVER STATUS. ACCORDING TO VERCELES, INDIAN OPPOSITION DUE TO GOP MEMBERSHIP IN SEATO AND DESIRE KEEP CENTO MEMBER PAKISTAN OUT. VERCELES NOTED OPPOSITION TO "CONSENSUS" DECISION NOT TO GRANT GOP OBSERVER STATUS HAD COME FROM MALAYSIA AND GHANA (SEE MANILA 12569). HE WONDERED WHY THIS OPPOSITION HAD NOT BEEN RECORDED AT SESSION. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, VERCELES OPINED THAT NOW THAT GOP HAS BEEN TWICE REBUFFED IN ITS EFFORTS JOIN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, HE THOUGHT IT BEST TO CONFINE FUTURE ACTIVITIES TO GROUP OF 77 AND ABANDON EFFORT GAIN OBSERVER STATUS. THIS VIEW APPARENTLY NOT SHARED BY UNDERSECRETARY INGLES, WHO EXPRESSED HOP GOP WOULD GAIN OBSERVER STATUS AT PYONGYANG MINISTERIAL. VERCELES EMPHASIZED GOP GUEST STATUS GOOD ONLY FOR THIS PARTICULAR MEETING AND THAT GOP WOULD HAVE TO REAPPLY FOR GUEST STATUS AT SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

3. ECONOMIC MATTERS: IN ABSENCE DELEGATION REPORT, VERCELES HAD LITTLE TO SAY ABOUT ECONOMIC MATTERS DISCUSSED AT COLOMBO, EXCEPT THAT GOP DELEGATION FOUND THESE DISCUSSIONS THE MOST USEFUL PART OF THE SUMMIT EXERCISE.

4. OPPOSITION TO ASEAN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY PROPOSAL: VERCELES AWARE OF LAOTIAN RESOLUTION BUT HAD NO EXPLANATION FOR LAO (I.E. SVR) OPPOSITION TO ZPFN PROPOSAL. NOR COULD HE SQUARE IT WITH RECENT STATEMENTS OF PHAN HIEN. VERCELES' ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT HE NOT SURPRISED VIETNAMESE ACT IN WAYS TOTALLY INCOMPATIBLE WITH PREVIOUS STATEMENTS AND ASSURANCES. EMBOFFS ATTEMPTED TO DRAW HIM OUT ON POSSIBLE ASEAN FORMINS MEETING TO DISCUSS QUESTION (SEE PARA 8, SINGAPORE 4016), BUT HE PROFESSED NOT TO HAVE HEARD OF ANY EFFORT TO CONVENE SUCH A MEETING.

5. NAC BUREAU IN NEW YORK: VERCELES SAID AS FAR AS HE KNEW, THIS WOULD BE MERELY SWITCH OF PRESENT ORGANIZATION IN ALGIERS TO UN.  
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6. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR PACIFICO CASTRO WHO WAS IN COLOMBO TO ATTEMPT OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ON COLOMBO SUMMIT AND GOP REACTION.  
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